

to defend themselves in a court of law. They were not given a fair and public trial. They were shot, in cold blood, by a paramilitary unit working under the Ministry of Interior.

In 1999, Serbia was under the rule of Slobodan Milosevic, whose regime fomented ethnic hatred and was responsible for some of the worst atrocities in Europe since World War II. Today, Serbia is a very different place, moving forward in its democratic development, improving relations with its neighbors and advancing on its path toward European integration. In doing so, it has worked to prosecute many of the crimes committed in the Milosevic era. It is unfortunate, however, that those responsible for the murders of the Bytyqi brothers continue to elude justice.

Our government should do everything it can to ensure the successful prosecution of those responsible for the murders of U.S. citizens abroad. It should provide resources as needed, and it should make it clear to the authorities in Belgrade that inaction does have repercussions on bilateral relations. This resolution encourages just that. The resolution will also hopefully convey to the Serbian authorities the concerns of the U.S. Congress, and it is my hope they will respond by removing any protection given to the perpetrators of this crime and prosecuting them in a court of law. Hopefully, Serbia's political leaders will not only recognize the seriousness which we attach to this case but also understand that it is in Serbia's interest to let justice work to sever the ties with the Milosevic past that have held the country back from a Europe where it otherwise belongs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support this resolution and its passage in this Congress.

HONORING DOTTIE BERGER
MACKINNON

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of an outstanding leader of the Tampa Bay community, Dottie Berger MacKinnon. Her tireless crusade to better the lives of neglected and abused children is an inspiration to the Tampa Bay community and to this great nation.

Among Mrs. Berger MacKinnon's numerous accomplishments is her work in founding charities that support needy children. In 1992, Mrs. Berger MacKinnon led a community effort to found Joshua House, a kid's shelter in the Tampa Bay area which now handles children ages 7 to 17 who have been removed from their homes. Never tiring of making a positive difference, Mrs. Berger MacKinnon worked to found Kid's Charity of Tampa Bay in 2006. Kid's Charity also manages A Kid's Place, a 60-bed emergency shelter for children waiting to be placed with a foster family. Mrs. Berger MacKinnon's visionary leadership resulted in raising \$5 million for A Kid's Place to build an amazing facility that now has helped more than 700 abused, abandoned and neglected children.

A native of Kentucky, Berger MacKinnon had an early passion for politics that led her to move at age 15 to live with an aunt on the

outskirts of Washington. She later moved to Tampa where she earned a B.A. in political science in 1984 from the University of South Florida. She joined the Gulf Coast Division for the Children's Home Society of Florida in 1985 where she served as one of its State Board members.

Mrs. Berger MacKinnon won a seat on the Hillsborough County Commission in 1994 and went on to become chairman from 1996 to 1997. On the Commission, she continued to fight for abused and neglected children. Mrs. Berger MacKinnon served on the Hillsborough County Hospital Authority, as well as three terms on Tampa General Hospital's governing board. Here, she was instrumental in its transformation into a not-for-profit institution. Mrs. Berger MacKinnon was inducted into the Hillsborough County Women's Hall of Fame earlier this year.

Mrs. Berger MacKinnon was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999 and unfortunately passed away this October. Through her brave battle with cancer, Mrs. Berger MacKinnon was an inspiration to others who are fighting this devastating disease. To carry on her tenacious spirit and honor her legacy, I introduced the Eliminating Disparities in Breast Cancer Treatment Act. This Act will help ensure greater access to cancer treatment for women across the Nation. Mr. Speaker, today on behalf of the many people who have been inspired by her diligent efforts and for the thousands of children whose lives are forever bettered by her never-ending generosity, we salute and thank Dottie Berger MacKinnon.

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
HAMPTON

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a legacy of faith in Virginia's Third Congressional District. This year, First Baptist Church of Hampton is celebrating its 150th anniversary, and I would like to take a moment to reflect on the history of this esteemed institution and its contributions to the greater Hampton Roads community.

The history of many African American churches in existence today developed from a small band of worshippers who sat in the "designated section" of a white church. In this respect, First Baptist Church of Hampton is no exception and was borne out of worshippers at the Hampton Baptist Church located a short distance away from the present church site. With Reverend Zechariah Evans as its first pastor, First Baptist Church of Hampton came into its own and built its own building to house services.

The Church continued to grow and prosper, but in September 1944, a catastrophic fire destroyed the church building. Members of the community and sister churches rallied to support First Baptist Church. With generous support from the Hampton Baptist Church and other supporters in the community, the sanctuary was restored and the facility was improved and expanded.

Over the years the Church grew in its capacity, its membership, and its mission. Com-

munity outreach became an integral part of the work of the Church. The accomplishments of First Baptist Church of Hampton are far too many to list, but among them are the founding of the People's Building and Loan Association under Reverend Richard Spiller and the organization of the Big Brothers of America in Hampton under the leadership of Reverend Seymour J. Gaines.

On July 6, 2006, First Baptist Church officially elected Reverend Dr. Richard W. Willis, Sr. as its tenth and current pastor and he has continued to lead the church in its strong tradition, dedicated to fellowship and social action.

Over the years, the First Baptist community has continued to grow and flourish. The church now offers programs to increase healthy living through its Health Ministry program, hosts voter registration drives, provides housing for the homeless through "A Night's Welcome," and remains steadfast in providing for the least of these, through its efforts in meal service and food distribution.

As First Baptist Church of Hampton gathers to celebrate this historic milestone, the church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on its future as "[a] place on the harbor where heaven meets heaven." I would like to congratulate Reverend Willis and all of the members of First Baptist Church of Hampton on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary. I wish them many more years of dedicated service to the community.

IN SUPPORT OF THE WILLOW RUN
TEA PARTY CAUCUS

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Willow Run Tea Party Caucus of Ann Arbor, Michigan who like so many grass-root organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

Mr. Speaker, these truly American patriots of every cultural, religious and ethnic background have found a common cause in fighting back today's proliferating big government rules and regulations imposed by costly bloated government bureaucracies who are accountable to no one at the expense of individual rights.

They are God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans who desire nothing more than to rein in big government's tendency toward excessive coercion and the insidious spread of government overreach. They question when the validity of laws and morality contradict each other. They desire nothing more than the extension of individual freedom in a Democracy

that attaches all possible value to citizens rather than making each citizen a mere agent, a mere number; a Democracy that seeks equality in Liberty rather than in restraint and servitude.

Mr. Speaker, there is a great political awakening taking place in our country today. The roots of which are solid stock and American made, they are visionary individuals who understand the moral foundations of a Constitutional Republic, the benefits of free markets, and individual liberty. May they continue to strive valiantly and dare greatly.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few short minutes to give this testimony in support of a truly American grass-roots organization.

RECOGNIZING JERRY TARKANIAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry Tarkanian or "Tark the Shark," for being inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Nationwide, Jerry is most recognized for his achievements as the basketball coach for University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), but in California's 16th Congressional District, we know Jerry as California State University, Fresno's (Fresno State) spirited and energetic former head basketball coach. Fresno State is Jerry's alma mater, and the community is very proud to say so.

Jerry was born in Euclid, Ohio, and is the son of Armenian immigrants. He moved halfway across the country to get an education and play basketball. In 1955, he graduated from Fresno State, and later earned his master's degree in Educational Management from the University of Redlands.

Jerry began his coaching career at San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno. He then went on to coach high school basketball in Southern California, and then coached at Riverside City College from 1961–1966 and Pasadena City College from 1966–1968. Jerry was successful at the city college level, and brought four consecutive teams to the California Junior College Championships.

Jerry coached his first Division I team at California State University, Long Beach from 1968–1973. As a coach during the late 60's, he defied some of the social norms of the time by becoming one of the first coaches to start more than three African-American players. He is also one of the first coaches to recognize the advantages of coaching junior college athletes. Jerry took a personal interest in his players and wanted them to succeed on and off the court. He reached out to young men who lived in inner-cities and normally would not have access to a higher education.

In 1973, Jerry moved to Nevada to become head coach at UNLV. During his tenure, he made four Final Four appearances, and in 1990 won the NCAA Division I National Championship. For many years to come, Jerry would be recognized as the individual who turned around the basketball program at UNLV and made it into a winning program. When his career ended at UNLV, Jerry returned to Fresno and coached at his alma

mater from 1995–2002. For six years in a row, his teams had 20-win seasons.

Jerry coached 42 players who were drafted by the NBA, including 12 first-round selections. Some of his most notable players include: Larry Johnson, Stacey Augmon, Armen Gilliam, and Sidney Green. He also coached Roscoe and Clifton Pondexter also known as the Pondexter brothers who were a powerhouse at San Joaquin Memorial and have since left a legacy at the high school.

Due to the efforts made by Jerry and the "Stadium Builders" in the mid 1990's, The Savemart Center was built. For years, there had been discussions regarding an on-campus arena at Fresno State, but it was not made into a reality until Jerry began his successful coaching career at the university. When he finished his coaching career, Jerry worked as the Senior Development Consultant for the Savemart Center.

Jerry is appreciated by individuals throughout our nation, but he is especially treasured in Fresno, California. Central Valley residents take pride in Fresno State, and it was an honor to have Jerry leading our Bulldogs on the basketball court.

Jerry is married to Lois Tarkanian and they have four children and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize Coach Jerry Tarkanian as he is recognized for all of the contributions that he has made to the game of basketball.

RECOGNIZING THE EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILLION MAN MARCH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I remember eighteen years ago today, watching hundreds of thousands of Black men flood the National Mall in Washington, DC to promote unity and family values that would instill a sense of pride and personal responsibility in the community. Since that uplifting day, I am pleased to say that the Black community has made great strides in achieving the goals of the Million Man March, and honor that effort as we continue to strive for social and economic progress for all.

It was most inspiring to hear many prominent leaders encourage and empower husbands, fathers and sons all across the nation to "go back home" and reclaim prosperity and success for their lives, families and communities. Following the March, an impressive 1.7 million Black men registered to vote and many became more active in promoting civil rights. Since then, we have a larger middle class, more college graduates, and more Blacks are holding political offices. Our two-term President Barack Obama is a testament to how far we have come.

While I am proud of what the Black community has accomplished, there is much more to be done. Blacks still face crippling obstacles that make it difficult for them to remain in or join the middle class. At 12.6 percent, the unemployment rate for Black men and women is disproportionately higher than that of the overall population. In addition, the median wealth

of Black households is 20 times less than that of non-Hispanic whites. Blacks are still trapped by poverty in urban neighborhoods plagued by drugs, crime and violence.

As we commemorate the 18th Anniversary of the Million Man March, the words and ideas conveyed on October 16, 1995, must continue to resonate among leaders and activists today. As a nation we look not at our differences, but at what we can do to uplift our communities and come together to take pride in all we have accomplished as we improve income equality, equal opportunity and the realization of the American Dream for everyone.

LAWRENCEBURG BABE RUTH BASEBALL TEAM SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the Tennessee Seventh Congressional District is home to many young talents. Whether in the music, technology, health care, or artistic communities, America's youth find success. I'm please today to rise and add one more group to the list of outstanding young talent: baseball players.

Led by coach David Weathers, the young men from Lawrenceburg left Babe Ruth Baseball League 13-year-old World Series as the Southeast Regional Champions. Dedicated to athletics, sportsmanship, and the great sport of baseball, these 13 young men represented Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and the Southeast Region with great pride.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the hard work, perseverance, and dedication of Ben Stagg, #43; Bradley Huckaba, #6; Clay Gambel, #9; Jacob Hallmark, #7; Jacob James, #10; Jacob Laws, #23; Jett Beasley, #1; Kendall Franklin, #88; Koltar Houser, #14; Lance Pope, #4; Ryan Weathers, #25; Sam Crane, #5 and Sawyer Turnbow, #18.

I join with their friends, parents, coaches, and supporters in celebrating their wonderful season.

AMERICAN HERO GETS A HOME: IN HONOR OF MARINE SERGEANT KEN KALISH

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American patriot on a day worth remembering. Today, the Dallas Builders Association joined Operation Finally Home, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, on their mission to honor and serve our wounded and disabled veterans and their families as they transition from combat to civilian life. Their mission today is to present Marine Sergeant Ken Kalish with the keys to a mortgage free, custom-built home in Grand Prairie, Texas as a way to thank him for his honorable sacrifice and selfless service to our country.

Sergeant Ken Kalish, born on December 11, 1988 in Independence, Missouri, grew up understanding the core of what it means to be